

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 through 32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) A windshield wiper device for a motor vehicle with a wiper arm, the device comprising a fastening part for attaching the wiper arm to an end area of a shaft, the device also comprising a reinforcing element for optimal transmission of torque, the reinforcing element being a supporting ring centered on an axis, the reinforcing element having opposite ends spaced in the direction of the axis, the fastening part completely surrounding the reinforcing element, the fastening part having therethrough a non-tapered opening defined by an inner surface of the fastening part, the opening being centered on the axis, and the reinforcing element extending through the opening and having a non-tapered outer surface engaging the inner surface of the fastening part, the opposite ends of the reinforcing element not engaging the fastening part.

34. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the reinforcing element has thereon an outwardly extending flange engaging the fastening part.

35. (New) The device of claim 34 wherein the reinforcing element has therein a tapered opening for receiving the shaft, the tapered opening having a wide end and a narrow end, and wherein the flange is adjacent the wide end of the tapered opening.

36. (New) The device of claim 35 wherein the tapered opening has a smooth inner surface.

37. (New) The device of claim 36 wherein the smooth inner surface is frustoconical.

38. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the reinforcing element is annular.

39. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the inner surface of the fastening part is cylindrical.

40. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the inner surface of the fastening part has a polygonal contour, and wherein the outer surface of the reinforcing element has a polygonal contour complementary with the contour of the inner surface of the fastening part.

41. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the reinforcing element is attachable to a shaft having a conical end.

42. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the reinforcing element is fit into the fastening part via a press fit.

43. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the reinforcing element can be axially caulked.

44. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the supporting ring is a turned or diecast metal part.

45. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the supporting ring is an insert, around which it is possible to injection mold with plastic to manufacture the fastening part.

46. (New) The device of claim 33 wherein the reinforcing element is symmetrical on any diameter.

47. (New) A windshield wiper device for a motor vehicle with a wiper arm, the device comprising a fastening part for attaching the wiper arm to an end area of a shaft, the device also comprising a reinforcing element for optimal transmission of torque, the reinforcing element being an annular supporting ring centered on an axis, the reinforcing element having opposite ends spaced in the direction of the axis, the fastening part completely surrounding the reinforcing element, the fastening part having therethrough a non-tapered opening defined by a cylindrical inner surface of the fastening part, the opening being centered on the axis, the reinforcing element extending through the opening and having a cylindrical outer surface engaging the inner surface of the fastening part, the opposite ends of the reinforcing element not engaging the fastening part, the reinforcing element having therein a tapered opening for receiving the shaft, the tapered opening being frustoconical and having a wide end and a narrow end, and the tapered opening having a smooth inner surface, the reinforcing element having thereon an outwardly extending flange engaging the fastening part, the flange being adjacent the wide end of the tapered opening.